

Was on Wrecked Train.

Mr. Eph Hughes of Mexico was on the wrecked C. & A. passenger train near Odessa last Saturday, when a number of coaches left the track and about 30 persons were pinned under timbers until released. He was not seriously hurt, tho he is suffering with a number of bad bruises on his face and over his body. It was a narrow escape for all who were on the train. Mr. Hughes lost his fine silver watch in the mishap.

A Red Letter Day.

Last Sunday, May 16, was a red letter day in the history of Littleby Sunday school. They never do things by halves down there and the exercises last Sunday was no exception.

Instead of regular Children's Day exercises, they made it a rally day, and after the regular lessons rendered a special prepared musical programme, filling the morning preaching hour, after which a few remarks were made by the pastor and a collection taken, amounting to \$20.00.

Then came that for which Littleby is noted—good things to eat, reaching from roast beef and chicken to angel food and all intermediate points. "And they gathered up of the fragments that were left, twelve baskets." After dinner the pastor preached to the children and young people from Songs of Solomon, 2:15, about catching little foxes, which he said were little sins and bad habits.

After a final exchange of greetings all turned their faces homeward, feeling better for the day and what it had brought them.

Ed. Kunkel was sight-seeing in Kansas City last week.

The Mexico School Board re-elected all teachers for next year's term.

A. C. Whitson is attending the State Lodge of Odd Fellows at Springfield this week.

Edward Hughes of Chicago is visiting his parents in Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Hughes.

Miss Blanche Shoup of near Rush Hill is visiting the family of E. B. Norris in this city.

Dr. W. P. Rowland of Bevier, Mo., visited the family of J. W. Plunkett of Mexico this week.

A. D. Perry, who has been suffering with nervous prostration, has been taken to the railroad hospital at Bloomington, Ill.

Gray Bros. of Farber, managers of a well digging machine, have invested in an automobile to get over the county roads.

Dr. J. F. Flynt of Molino went to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. James W. Hardin at Hallsville, last week, who has been very sick.

Mrs. V. F. Morris and Mrs. Oceola Lane are attending the State convention of the Degree of Honor lodge in session in Hannibal this week.

Rufus Underwood, the Thompson merchant, who has been very ill for a number of weeks past, has recovered so that he is able to get around again.

The county court of Ralls county has granted the Mexico, Santa Fe & Perry Electric R. R. Co. the right of way across the county and the company has also been granted the use of the bridge over Salt River and the gravel road.

Stock and Exchange.

Judge J. A. Lewis lost a fine steer killed by lightning last Thursday night.

The Paris Appeal says that John Tinder, over in Audrain, has 300 hogs and a load of 700-lb. black calves on feed, and is planting 200 acres of corn.

The Clarkson Hotel was sold last Friday at trustee's sale. C. F. Clark, S. P. Emmons and Judge W. W. Botts were bidders. Mr. Clark got the property on a bid of \$11,200.

Robert Norman, near Florida, Monroe county, is fattening 70 head of hogs for the July market. He wants to make them average 225 pounds provided he can be contented to feed them the high price corn.

J. W. Trimble near Santa Fe shipped a car of sheep to St. Louis last Thursday which he bought from the following persons: H. T. Painter, 20 head; Charles S. Sharp, 20; E. M. Settles, 66; W. W. Tulley, 11; Shade Davis, 11; George Ledford, 23.

Dr. H. K. Hinde came over to Mexico from Fulton last Saturday looking for a good buggy horse. He bought the fine rhoman mare belonging to W. W. Fry for \$125. He got a bargain. The mare was shipped this week to Madison, Ill., where Dr. and Mrs. Hinde at present are making their home with their son, J. C. Hinde.

According to the Vandalia Leader Mrs. Wm. Bevan has traded her farm, five miles south of Laddonia, on which is situated a good paying coal mine, to J. A. Smith for his residence in Vandalia, and the store room on the north side occupied by J. O. Callaway's grocery store. The exchange becomes effective the first of September. Mrs. Bevan will move to Vandalia.

The Perry Enterprise says that J. Newt Caldwell, of near Hutchison, has a draft mare that is 13 years old that has foaled 6 mule colts in seven years. He has sold her colts to the following parties: 1 to Robt. Ferris, \$175; Sam Fuqua 1, \$75; Sid Coons 1 pair \$480; Westfall Bros. 1, \$125; Bry McMurray 1, \$125; making a total amount of \$980. This mare foaled twin mare colts this spring one of which died. She has only foaled 1 horse colt. We believe that if we were him we would stock up the farm with mares. With such luck it would not be many years until we would be independently rich.

"Wild" Cars.

A freight train going west just as it came into Mexico Monday morning broke in two, and 10 or 12 cars began to move back east and smashed into another freight train coming down the hill east of Salt River. The brakeman set the brakes on the wild train and jumped, the engineer on the oncoming train saw his danger and put on the air brakes and jumped also. The engine was smashed as was also the car of brick and a caboose.

Miss Eliza Gibbs is entertaining Miss Pearl Radley of Kansas City.

Dr. L. O. Rodas of Boulder, Colorado, is visiting his parents in this city, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Rodas.

Harry Drebing of this city attended the funeral of his brother, Wm. Drebing, who died in St. Louis a few days ago.

The Anxvasse Review says that Miss Mallie Crawford of near Mexico, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Emmons, up near Hattion, returned home Monday. She was delighted with her visit.

A Bright Girl.

Laddonia, Mo., May 16.—Miss Darline Victoria Bellamy, 12 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bellamy, of this place, holds the enviable position of not having been absent or tardy in seven years she has attended school. The little Miss is bright in her studies, and her grades are above the average pupil.

Circuit Court Cases.

Fred Roberts vs. C. & A. R. R. Co. Appeal, J. P.

J. A. Chilton vs. C.B. Ellis, on contract.

Albert O. Schneider vs. Maggie D. Schneider. Divorce.

Duncan & Myers vs. G. F. Smith. Appeal, J. P.

Georgiana Jones et al vs. Bertha Bowers et al. Partition.

Chicago Brick Mfg. vs. Mexico B. & F. Clay Co., on account.

Mexico Savings Bank vs. James Creed. On note.

E. C. Gray & Bros. vs. Hy. Schwabacher et al. Attachment.

Ida M. Hunter vs. B. R. Middleton. On account.

Anna Adams vs. N. Y. Life Ins. Co. On policy.

Anna Adams vs. Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. et al. On policy.

M. F. Harrison vs. Geo. Stratton. Attachment.

Geo. W. Adams & Son vs. T. A. Powell. On note.

Lela Yocum et al vs. Thos. H. Jones et al. Partition.

Ray Bass vs. Mexico Brick & Fire Clay Co. Damages.

J. W. Mason vs. C. B. & Q. R. Co. Damages.

J. Baum, &c., vs. Chris Kentzel. Appeal, J. P.

W. J. McLoney vs. V. E. Ochler. Conced deed of trust.

D. J. DeTienne vs. Mattie DeTienne. Divorce.

M. L. Jones vs. Robert R. Buckner, accounting.

T. W. Lambert vs. T. S. Beasley. Appeal, J. P.

Continental Securities Co. et al vs. Wabash R. R. Co., et al, in junction.

Alonzo Grimes vs. Eliza Grimes. Divorce.

Effie G. Yelton vs. J. M. Yelton. Divorce.

B. R. Middleton vs. C. & A. R. R. Damages.

C. F. Thompson vs. Wm. Ball. Appeal, J. P.

Edward C. Gamble vs. William W. Johnson, on account.

Wins \$400 Piano.

Miss Lilly Mundy of Molino won the \$400 piano given away in the Mexico Intelligencer's piano contest. Miss Lela Tinsley of Thompson, Miss Maud Langford of near Wellsville and Miss Mary Quinlan of near Mexico were close seconds for the prize.

Saddle Horsemen Organize.

The Missouri Saddle Horse Breeders' Association for the exploitation of the Missouri saddle horse was organized in Mexico by about sixty of the State's best-known horsemen.

The organization is the result of the recent disruption in the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association of Kentucky, at whose hands many Missourians aver they have not received proper treatment.

Doctor R. E. Graham, of Columbia, was elected president; Judge Alex Carter, of this city, vice-president; Rufus Jackson, of this city, secretary, and W. P. Hawkins, of Bowling Green, treasurer.

The matter of receiving the proper recognition for Missouri-bred animals, as well as issuing a publication in the interests of the Western saddler, are matters the association have in view.

J. N. Rosser of this city visited relatives at Center last week.

Good for Centralia.

The "Prairie Queen" will support Mexico for the location of the Pythian Home, as indicated by the following quoted from the Guard.

The Guard is for Mexico in securing the Pythian Home and we believe all the Knights in this section should get together and start the ball rolling for Mexico. Of course we would like to see the home here but that is out of the question as this building will be erected in some city that has water works and sewerage and an all right electric light current, and the next best thing for us would be to see that our neighboring city of Mexico gets a chance at the home. She can handle the proposition all right.

Can't Audrain Beat It?

Below is the record of Lincoln County's champion poultry women, according to the Elsberry Democrat:

Mrs. J. H. Schaper and daughter, south of Troy, have marketed \$238.63 worth of eggs during the past four months, besides using 47 dozen at home.

In January they sold 65 dozen for \$19.67; in February 139 doz. for \$41.91; in March 435 dozen for \$76.35, and in April 451 doz. for \$100.70. Total number of eggs, 1137 dozen.

Haven't we some Audrain woman who can show those Lincolnites a thing or two? Let's hear from you.

Will Join a Circus.

The Ladonia Herald contained the following item last week:

The "R. C. C." (Red Cloud Club) composed of boys of the Christian Sunday School, had a meeting Friday night at W. U. Coil's barn. Deverest Ferguson was the candidate initiated.

The initiation took place in the loft of the large barn. All went well until the nood-wink was placed over the candidate's eyes. In making the circuit the candidate fell through the hole where the ladder leads up from the ground—a distance of 12 feet. Everett Alexander, Tommie DeLaporte, Lucius Faires and Howard Coil followed him. That some of them were not killed is a miracle. Everett Alexander and Deverest Ferguson were the worst injured. They were not able to be out Saturday. Deverest's eyes and face were badly bruised.

The boy's won't say much about it, as it is a secret organization. They claim they were not frightened when taking exit. The members of the club have made application to the Barnum & Bailey circus to do the "high dive" act, and if Friday night's performance is a sample of what they can do they certainly will be drawing cards.

Died in St. Louis.

Miss Anna Darrah, who was quite aged, who had been an inmate of the Old Ladies' Home in this city, died in a hospital in St. Louis a few days ago. The remains were brought to Mexico for burial, religious service at the grave by Rev. C. M. Aker.

The Message was glad to make the acquaintance the other day of S. L. Moody, a hustling farmer out near Washington school house. He knew the Lick Creek country of this county in its early settlement, where this editor was "brought up."

W. E. Newkirk, southeast of Mexico, is caring for about 600 head of sheep. He has 85 mothers with 101 lambs and 129 mothers with 152 lambs. He is shearing his sheep this week and is getting a good crop of wool.

Prof. Fonville renews for the Message.

Dr. W. L. Reed has our thanks for a renewal favor.

John R. Ridgeway, near Centralia, adds his name to our list.

J. E. Gass, the carpenter and builder, moves his subscription date up one year.

Dan Quinlan of Benton City, good fellow that he is, enrolls with the Message for a year.

E. E. Jones, who is looking after his farm out toward Gant, has our thanks for a renewal favor.

Mrs. Oscar Byrd, of Overbrook, Kansas, subscribes for the Message. Mrs. Byrd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Parks, of Fish Branch, this county, and of course is interested in getting the news regularly from home.

Peter Schneider of Rush Hill, called the other day and gets ahead for another year on his Message subscription. Mr. Schneider feels very grateful for his good neighbors of Rush Hill for the assistance and courtesies they have extended him lately.

Some weeks ago Mrs. Schneider was thrown to the ground by the barn door being blown shut against her and her right arm was broken and her side at the hips badly strained and bruised. She is able to get around some on crutches.

S. P. Beedle, out east of Worcester, this county, is thinking of owning an automobile.

Eld. C. H. Swift of Auxvasse preached at the Mexico Christian church last Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Cleveland of Louisiana visited Mrs. T. B. Duncan of this city last week.

H. B. Morgan of Tuscola, Ill., was here last week looking after his farm in this county.

Rev. H. E. Truex of this city attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky. last week.

Mrs. R. H. Butts of Vandalia went to Kansas City on the excursion and is now visiting her sister in this city, Mrs. L. F. Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dyson, who have been in St. Louis five or six years, have returned to Mexico—we hope they have come to stay.

About two dozen Mexico Odd Fellows went down to Vandalia last Friday night to assist in a big initiation of new members in the Vandalia lodge.

Jacob Frank, aged 76 years, father of Mrs. Adolph Egerer of Mexico, died at his home in Fulton one day last week after a short illness. He was a native of Germany.

Miss Lydia Hattion, a bright young teacher of Laddonia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hattion, of that place, has been elected to a position in the Vandalia schools.

Eld. W. H. Hook of this city will preach at Hays Creek in Ralls county next Sunday—where he was the regular pastor for many years. He will preach at New Harmony, in Pike county, the fifth Sunday in this month.

Judge D. A. Murphy of this city at the Knights of Columbus convention held in Springfield, Mo., last week was elected State advocate of the organization and also was chosen as one of the delegates to the National convention which meets at Mobile, Ala.

Planned to Burn the Jail.

Hubert Dixon, colored, confined in the county jail, tried to burn the old structure down one night last week. He was taken before Justice Allen Stallings on the charge of setting fire to the mattresses and blankets on top of the cage. The shouts of other prisoners roused the keepers and the fire was put out in due time. Dixon was bound over to await the action of the Circuit Court.

Carl Dillard of Bowling Green visited his parents in this city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Elliott of near Molino visited Mexico relatives last week.

Rev. O. L. Byrns, of Isabel, Oklahoma, visited relatives in this city last week.

Thomas Ottway of Ontario, Canada, after spending the winter with his daughter here, Mrs. Iver Thomas, returned to his home in King Edward's country last week.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

Office of the Mayor,
City of Mexico, Missouri, May 11th, 1909.

Whereas on the 10th day of May, 1909, the Council of the City of Mexico, Mo., passed an ordinance which was duly approved by the Mayor of the City of Mexico on May 11th, 1909, the object and general nature of said ordinance being the granting to the Mexico Missouri Water Works Company the right to maintain a Waterworks system in the City of Mexico, Mo., to enlarge its present existing plant, to extend its mains and to furnish to the citizens of the City of Mexico good, clear, wholesome and odorless water at the rates specified in the said ordinance for a period of 20 years; and the further object and nature of said ordinance being the granting and making of a contract with the said Mexico, Missouri Water Works Co. to furnish the City of Mexico with water and supply its fire hydrants and public fountains and supply water for the flushing of the public and District sewers in said City of Mexico at and for the cost and price to the City of Mexico of \$40.00 per year for each of the 78 fire hydrants now in use in said City in all the sum of \$3120.00 per year, payable in equal quarterly installments on the first day of Jan., April, July and October of each year. And the further cost and price to the City of Mexico of \$50.00 per year for each additional fire hydrant ordered by the City on extension of mains in said City, said sum to be paid in quarterly installments; said ordinance providing that by said contract the Mexico Missouri Water Works Co. is to furnish free of charge to the City water for its public offices, for one hose house, seven public drinking fountains for man and beast and water for all automatic sewer flushing tanks, said tanks not to be flushed oftener than 4 times in each 24 hours, said contract to endure for the period of 20 years.

And whereas said ordinance so passed and approved as aforesaid provided that said franchise and contract should be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Mexico for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held for that purpose on the 15th day of June, 1909, 30 days notice first having been given of the date and purpose of said election, said franchise and contract only to be in force and effect from and after the ratification thereof by two-thirds majority of the qualified voters of the City of Mexico, voting at said election for said franchise and contract, and by the written acceptance of the grantee, the said Mexico, Missouri Water Works Co., filed with the City Clerk within 30 days after said election.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said ordinance passed and approved as aforesaid and by the authority in me vested, I, E. D. Graham, Mayor of the City of Mexico, Missouri, hereby order and direct that said special election be held in the City of Mexico on the 15th day of June, 1909, and notice is hereby given of the same. The voting places shall be as follows:

1st Ward, at the Circuit Clerk's Office in the Court House.
2nd Ward, at R. E. Elliott's Office at the plant of the Western Stone Lining Co. on West Love St.
3rd Ward, at the Council Hall in the City Hall.
4th Ward, at Peterson's Coal Office on East Liberty St.

The ballots for said special election to be in the following form:

"For Water Works Franchise and contract"..... Yes.

"For Water Works Franchise and contract"..... No.

Erase a clause you do not want. Done under my hand and official seal of the City of Mexico this 11th day of May, 1909.

E. D. GRAHAM, Mayor of the City of Mexico, Missouri.
Attest:
WALLACE DEARING, City Clerk.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri | In the Circuit Court
County of Audrain | June Term, 1909.
William L. Kent Plaintiff,
vs.

The Unknown Heirs, devisees or assigns of Verden Suter, deceased, and all persons who might claim by, through or under him or them and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assigns of Wiley Tally, deceased, and all persons who might claim by, through or under him or them, Defendants.

Now on this 29th day of April, 1909, comes plaintiff and files his petition, duly verified by affidavit of plaintiff with the clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, wherein it is alleged by plaintiff that he holds the title to the following real estate situated in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit: The northeast quarter (1-4) of section twenty-six (26) also the west half of the northwest quarter (1-4) and the west twenty (20) acres of the east half (1-2) of the northwest quarter (1-4) of section twenty-five (25) all in Township fifty-two (52) north, range eight (8) west of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

And that on the 1st day of March, 1903, he was in the lawful possession thereof and has remained in possession ever since and now is in possession of the same. That the title to said real estate emanated from the United States Government more than ten years prior to said date and that the title to said real estate has vested in him by limitation under the provisions of Chapter 48, Section 4288 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri for 1909.

That there appears of record a title in Verden Suter and also in one Wiley Tally and that they are both dead.

That on December 1st 1867, a mortgage was given to Verden Suter, by James D. Sumner and wife who then owned said lands and that the same remains unsatisfied of record. That on January 18th, 1861, a deed of trust was given on said lands to John J. Suter to the use of Verden Suter, by Jacob H. Mitchell and wife, who then owned said real estate, and that the same is not properly satisfied of record. That on December 10th, 1864, a mortgage was given on said land to Wiley Tally by J. H. Mitchell, who then owned said land and that the same remains unsatisfied of record.

Plaintiff states that he verily believes that there are persons who might claim said real estate, the subject matter of this petition, as heirs, devisees or assigns of said Verden Suter, deceased, or as heirs, devisees or assigns of the said Wiley Tally, deceased, whose names he cannot insert herein because they are unknown to him and whose interest he cannot describe because their interest is unknown to this plaintiff but so far as his knowledge extends their interests are derived from the said Verden Suter, deceased, or the said Wiley Tally, deceased, their heirs, devisees or assigns.

It is therefore ordered by the Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court in vacation, that publication be made herein notifying The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assigns of Verden Suter, deceased, and all persons who might claim by, through or under him or them and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assigns of Wiley Tally, deceased, and all persons who might claim by, through or under him or them, of the filing of this suit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of the Audrain County Circuit Court perfecting plaintiff's record title to the northeast quarter of section twenty-six and the west half of the northwest quarter and the west 20 acres of the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five all in township fifty-two Range eight west of the 5th P. M. in Audrain County, Missouri, and forever barring defendants from claiming any title to or interest therein; and now unless you defendants aforesaid be and appear in the Audrain County Circuit Court and at the next term thereof, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, on or before the first day of the said term answer or otherwise plead to plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published for four weeks successively in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper published in Audrain County, Missouri, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the first day of said June Term of Court.

A true copy from the record.
Attest: W. R. MORRIS, Clerk.
(Seal) By Pearl M. Morris, Deputy.
Allen Stallings, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital and Surplus, \$100,000.00
40th Year in Business
W. W. FRY, Pres.
Sam Locke, Cashier.